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PROGRAMME BUDGET FOR THE BIENNIUM 1994-1995

Programme budget implications of draft resolution A/C.5/48/L.63/Rev.2

Draft report of the Fifth Committee

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1. At its 77th and 78th meetings, on 16 and 19 September 1994, the Fifth Committee, pursuant to rule 153 of the rules of procedure of the General Assembly, considered the statement by the Secretary-General (A/C.5/48/84) on the programme budget implications of draft resolution A/C.5/48/L.63/Rev.2. The related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions (A/48/7/Add.17) was introduced by its Chairman.

2. Statements and comments made in the course of the Committee's consideration of this item are reflected in the relevant summary records (A/C.5/48/SR.77 and 78).

DECISION OF THE FIFTH COMMITTEE

3. The Fifth Committee, having considered the statement of programme budget implications submitted by the Secretary-General (A/C.5/48/84) and the recommendations of the Advisory Committee (A/48/7/Add.17) decided, without a vote, to inform the General Assembly that, should it adopt draft resolution A/48/L.63/Rev.2:

(a) The Secretary-General would be authorized to enter into commitments in the amount of $7.5 million under section 4 of the programme budget for 1994-1995

for the initial period of the Mission for the Verification of Human Rights and of Compliance with the Commitments of the Comprehensive Agreement on Human Rights in Guatemala ending 31 December 1994, full authorization for the remaining mandate period to be determined in the light of the subsequent review of revised budget proposals referred to in subparagraph (b) below;

(b) The Secretary-General would be requested to seek ways and means to reduce the cost of the Mission, by reviewing every item of the proposal, including staffing and related costs, without hindering the full implementation of its mandate, taking into consideration the views of Member States; and to submit to the General Assembly a revised budget at the earliest opportunity, and no later than 30 November 1994;

(c) The Secretary-General would be requested to ensure that full internal audit and management review services be provided from Headquarters for the mandated period of the Mission;

(d) Taking note of the Secretary-General's proposals regarding payments to other missions for the transfer of vehicles and surplus equipment, the Secretary-General would be requested to make provisions for such payments, should the General Assembly decide to approve the procedure outlined in its decision 48/496, these amounts to be included in the revised budget indicated in subparagraph (b) above;

(e) The Secretary-General would be requested to enhance coordination within the United Nations system in order to implement the mandate of the Mission in a more cost-effective manner.